

REMARKS

Claims 19, 20, 23-26, 28-30, 33-37 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-18, 21, 22, 31, and 32 were previously cancelled. Claims 19, 20, 23, 25, 28-30, 33-35, and 37 have been amended herein. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Claim 27 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as assertedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, Applicants have cancelled claim 27, thereby rendering the rejection of claim 27 moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 27 be withdrawn.

Claims 19, 20, 23-30, and 33-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,013,338 (hereinafter “Nag”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,850,764 (hereinafter “Patel”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants have amended claim 19 to recite, “the reserved network resources being static after the allocating in advance” and “dynamically allocating network resources individually if additional resources are needed in addition to the reserved network resources.” The cited references fail to teach or disclose these limitations. In fact, Nag discloses that the reserved network resources are *dynamically adjusted* based on the actual usage. In contrast, Applicants’ claim 19 explicitly recites that the reserved network resources are *static* and that, if resources are needed in addition to the reserved network resources, the additional resources are dynamically reserved individually. Patel fails to correct this deficiency.

Claims 29 and 37 recite similar limitations and, accordingly, are allowable for similar reasons as those discussed above with reference to claim 19.

Claims 20, 23-26, 28, 30, and 33-36 depend from claims 19 and 29 and add further limitations. It is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are allowable by reason of depending from an allowable claim as well as for adding new limitations.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Roger C. Knapp, Applicants' attorney, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, should one be deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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